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Glendale Man Sentenced in Case of Electrocution of Good Samaritans

A 21-year-old man convicted of vehicular manslaughter for the electrocution deaths of two women who tried to help him after a collision was sentenced to probation today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Ron Carey said Arman Samsonian of Glendale, was sentenced to three years formal probation and 70 days of community labor.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Michael Jesic of the Van Nuys Branch also ordered Samsonian to pay restitution to both victims and enter into a program where he will have to volunteer at a hospital morgue.

Samsonian was speeding down Magnolia Boulevard in Valley Village on Aug. 22, 2012 when he lost control of his vehicle and it crashed against a light pole and a fire hydrant, the prosecutor said.

The sheared hydrant created a pool of water which came into contact with the pole's electrical wires, energizing it. Irma Yolanda Zamora, 40, and Stacey Lee Schreiber, 39, ran to the accident to help Samsonian but were both electrocuted as they tried to assist, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Valley Traffic Division.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.